

Since Sept 2007, the Proponent has trained nearly 3,000 Army, Navy and Air Force personnel at Fort Riley, Kansas to serve on Military Transition Teams (MiTT) in Iraq or Embedded Training Teams (ETT) in Afghanistan. The Transition Teams serve as advisors and mentors to Host Nation Security Forces (HNSF) in Iraq (ISF) or Afghanistan (ANSF). The teams advise the security forces of Iraq and Afghanistan in the areas of intelligence, communications, fire support, logistics, and infantry tactics. The aim is to make the ISF and ANA capable of conducting independent counterinsurgency operations, tactically, operationally, and logistically. The training the Proponent provides to the Transition Teams includes Tactical Electronic Warfare (EW) focusing on the fundamentals of EW, basic terminology, and concepts of tactical EW using examples from current operational situations. EW is taught on the same day as the IED awareness training and CREW device familiarization to bridge the gap between what types of IEDs are employed and how we can effectively perform countermeasures to save soldier's lives. The feedback we have received ranges from current students who have stated "This is the best training we have received to date." Current Instructors and Cadre take the time to address classes coming through to tell them this is the most important information they will get before they arrive in theater. Upon his visit on Apr 23, 2008 LTG Thomas Metz, Director of the Joint Improvised Explosive Device Defeat Organization (JIEDDO) said he was very impressed with the TT training and how Soldiers at Fort Riley learn to counter IED threats and stated "This training is absolutely critical to the missions in Iraq and Afghanistan. Fort Riley remains the premier training center in the world."